

TRAIL COUNT 2008

2nd Annual Count of Trail Users in San José

HOW MANY PEOPLE USE SAN JOSE TRAILS?

This year data was collected along three trail systems to answer that question. Counts occurred on consecutive Wednesdays (September 17 and 24). A special Saturday count along the Los Gatos Creek Trail occurred on September 20.

Two collection methods were used:

1. Manually count and classify (pedestrians and bicyclists)

COMPARE	2007	2008
Los Gatos Crk (Saturday only)	N/A	1491
Guad/Park (Weekday Avg.)	653	703
Guad/Coleman (Weekday Avg.)	225	420

2. Secure user input with an on-line survey.

As in 2007, two stations were along the Guadalupe River (Coleman Avenue and Park Avenue). For 2008, 3 new stations were added: Los Gatos Creek at Auzerais Avenue and Hamilton Avenue, and Highway 87 Bikeway at Tamien Station.

A sixth count station was set up by the Valley Transportation Authority along the Guadalupe River (at River Oaks Pkwy). The VTA used a different survey method.

ON-LINE SURVEY

58.1% are commuters
41.9% exercise and seek recreation

Frequency of Usage
25.8% use trail once per week
43.1% use trail at least 4x/week

Distance Travelled
32.4% travel 1 to 3 miles
27.1% travel 4 to 6 miles
40.5% travel over 7 miles

Data is presented and discussed in the summary report.

Visit the Trail Program website for a full **Summary Report** of collected data including user comments.

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MANUAL COUNTS

65% of trail users are on bikes

12-Hour Counts (highest count)

Guadalupe River

@ Coleman Avenue: 420
@ Park Avenue: 703

Los Gatos Creek

@ Hamilton Avenue: 1491

Peak Hour Counts

(AM and PM commute periods, highest)

Los Gatos Creek

@ Auzerais Avenue: 51

Highway 87 Bikeway

@ Tamien Station: 124

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